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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS OAU COLLECTIVE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ZAIRE'S STRATEGY FOR OAU SUMMIT

1. DURING MEETING JUNE 22 FONMIN NGUZA OUTLINED TO AMBASSADOR THE FOLLOWING POINTS RE GOZ STRATEGY FOR OAU SUMMIT MEETING:

A. GOZ WILL NOT RPT NOT SPECIFICALLY RAISE SHABA INVASION OR ATTEMPT TO PLACE IT ON THE AGENDA AS ISSUE FOR DISCUSSION. GOZ HAS MADE THIS DECISION (A) IN ORDER NOT TO COMPROMISE POSSIBLE MEDIATION OF ZAIRIAN/ANGOLAN PROBLEM BY NIGERIA, CONGO OR OTHER PARTIES; AND (B) TO AVOID DISRUPTING HARMONY OF MEETING BY INTRODUCING SUCH POTENTIALLY DIVISIVE ISSUE.

B. HOWEVER, GOZ WILL BE READY TO "ANSWER QUESTIONS" SHOULD SHABA BE RAISED BY OTHERS. NGUZA SAID GOZ WOULD BE WELL PREPARED ON THIS SCORE AND IMPLIED HE EXPECTED ISSUE TO COME UP IN THIS WAY.

C. GOZ TOGETHER WITH OTHER MODERATES WILL INTRODUCE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ACTIVITIES OF "MERCENARIES" IN AFRICA, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO CUBANS. NGUZA ANTICIPATES CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT ON THIS ISSUE.

D. GOZ DOES NOT INTEND TO ATTACK THE SOVIETS SPECIFICALLY  
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AT OAU. AGAIN, GOZ VIEWS SUCH TACTIC AS RISKING MAJOR DISRUPTION OF MEETING.

2. COMMENT: IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT GOZ WISHES TO AVOID ONUS OF BEING CHARGED WITH UNDERMINING OAU HARMONY BY DWELLING ON SHABA ISSUE. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT SEEMS EQUALLY CLEAR THAT GOZ IS NOT ABOUT TO DISCOURAGE OTHERS FROM RAISING THIS QUESTION. WE

WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED, IN FACT, IF DURING MOBUTU'S RECENT VISITS TO HIS AFRICAN MODERATE FRIENDS SOME OF THEM HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND THEREBY ENABLE ZAIRE TO "RESPOND" IN ITS CAPACITY AS THE OFFENDED PARTY. AS FOR PRESENT STATE OF ZAIRIAN/ANGOLAN RELATIONS, NGUZA SAID RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN LUANDA HAD RAISED QUESTION OF WHETHER NETO WAS STILL IN CONTROL OF SITUATION AND THEREFORE IN A POSITION TO NEGOTIATE EFFECTIVELY FOR ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT. BUT HE REAFFIRMED GOZ'S READINESS TO TALK, DRAWING AMBASSADOR'S ATTENTION TO MOBUTU'S RECENT STATEMENT TO PRESS IN LIBREVILLE THAT "ZAIRE WAS NEVER AGAINST DIALOGUE". BY ADOPTING SUCH CONCILIATORY POSTURE, GOZ APPARENTLY HOPES TO INCREASE PRESSURES ON ANGOLA AND COME OUT OF OAU WITH EVEN MORE POLITICAL SUPPORT THAN IT ALREADY HAS.

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